

LOGBOOK

Oxley High School, Tamworth

TERM 4 2017—In this issue: Presentation Night, Year 12 fundraising, girls cricket, Year 8 camp, Geography excursion, Girls Academy, Youth Frontiers and much more!

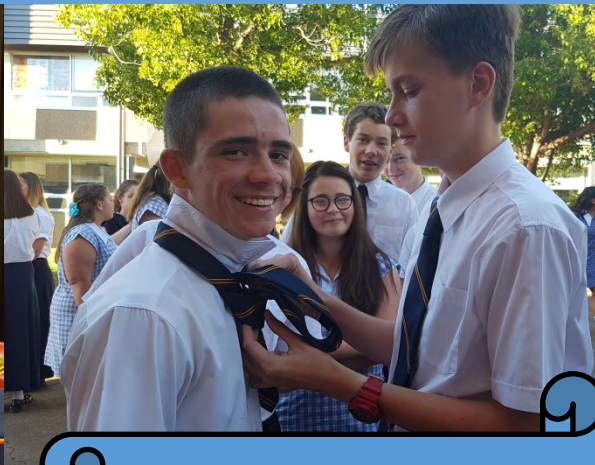


Outgoing 2017 School Captains and incoming 2018 School Captains.

On Thursday 16th November, Year 12 celebrated the end of their school career at their Year 12 Formal, held at the TREC. This event was attended by a stunning, and handsome group of students, as well as their parents and carers and a large number of Oxley staff.

Thank you to Ms Hodges for your care of these students as their Year Advisor for the past six years.

Thank you also to Mrs Gillan for your organisation of the Formal.



Presentation Night 2017



Congratulations to all students who achieved awards this year.



Year 8 Excursion

On November 8th, 54 students from Year 8 boarded a bus and headed to Adventure Land at Morisset near Newcastle. When we arrived we were introduced to our instructors (one was an ex-Oxley student) and the students got straight into Archery and the Super Drop. This involved students stepping off a 12 metre platform and being supported to the ground. After the evening meal, the staff were dressed in their Camo Gear ready to protect their "hostages" in a game of Commando. The students managed to rescue one of the hostages which, according to the camp instructors, had never happened before. However, a student became distressed and Mrs Mooney was taken from her post to help. The student was fine but we were not sure if it was a plan to distract the teachers so they could get past Mrs Mooney and capture the hostages and win.

On the second day, the students were involved in activities that included Leap of Faith, High Ropes, Multi Climb, Kayaking and Sailing. The Leap of Faith involved climbing to the top of a telegraph pole, standing on top of the pole and jumping to a trapeze. High ropes was a high wire obstacle course 12 or 7 m off the ground. Multi climb involved climbing a telegraph pole using iron staples or metal rods and using a helicopter ladder to get to the top of the poles. Kayaking was completing group tasks in two person kayaks. That night the students did a "Minute to Win it" group challenge that involved physical challenges between the groups.

All the students and staff who went had a great time, experiencing some activities that they had not done before and challenging themselves to step outside their comfort zones. A big thank you to the students who went and gave everything a go and impressed all the people who worked at the camp. Also, the staff had a great time and were very impressed with the great attitude of everyone who came along.

A special thanks goes to Mrs Mooney and Mr Perkins for organising the excursion and to Ms Collier who took time out of her week to make the excursion possible.





Year 8 Camp!



Melbourne Cup Fundraiser

Year 12 had another wonderful fundraising day for their charity 'Beyond Blue' on November 7th. The seniors entertained the school with 'horseraces' on the oval at lunchtime whilst supplying cold drinks and zipper doopers to the thirsty crowd. A big thank you goes to Arden Lafforgue who was the organiser for this successful day and to all of the students who got involved and supported Year 12's fundraising efforts.

MELBOURNE CUP 2017





Horsing around...



Horse & jockey
down!





Art!

Year 8 Support Visual Arts students: Kaleb Sharpley, Callum Caslick, Kobee Denniss and Evan Kelly (missing: Julian Driscoll and Harry Hiscock), with some of their 'ordinary into the extraordinary' artworks this term.

Congratulations to the Oxley basketball teams who made the Grand Finals recently. The 9/10 boys team won against Manilla in a thrilling game, 35-33, with only 2 seconds left on the buzzer! The girls team lost their final but still had a great season. All teams are to be commended on their sportsmanship, teamwork and effort throughout the year.



Oxley Basketball

Girls Academy

Gomeroi gaaynggal Centre

This term Oxley Academy have been connecting with community and every Thursday students have participated in cultural activities at the Gomeroi gaaynggal Centre. Students engaged with community artists to create some wonderful art pieces. The girls designed and painted photo frames, mini canvases, terra-cotta pots, identity rocks and made some fabulous jewellery.



Students also participated in an excursion to the Tamworth Regional Art Gallery to view the Re-Stitching Culture exhibition. This exhibition displayed dolls from local female Aboriginal artists as well as communities in Canada and South Africa. Doll making is an important part of Indigenous cultures, representing a transfer of cultural knowledge, health and healing.



Melbourne Cup Day November 7

Oxley students were granted permission to hold a Melbourne Cup Mufti Day (out of uniform) to raise funds for Year twelves charity Beyond Blue.

Academy Girls showed great citizenship by volunteering to collect gold coins during roll class.



Our Wheels have arrived - October 23,2017

Academy students got a surprise when they discovered that we had our Academy bus delivered. We are looking forward to our road trips and the great times ahead with our Academy students.



Mural...

Tintinhull Public School is a partner school of Oxley High School. Our academy girls were more than happy to commit their time and artistic skills to this community project with the Gomeroi gaaynggal Centre.



Yr 12 Formal Dinner- November 16

Brooke, Mackenzie, Grace and Rebecca looked absolutely beautiful in their formal attire at their recent Year 12 Formal dinner.

Thank you to Aunty Yvonne Kent (Community Elder) who came to congratulate our Year 12 girls.



Oxley Academy 1st Annual Presentation Evening

On Wednesday November 29, we celebrated our Academy girl's achievements, successes and reflected on what a fantastic year we have had at Oxley Girls Academy.

The girls were rewarded for their leadership, academic achievements, citizenship, sporting and cultural pursuits. Miss Smith and Mrs Way would like to congratulate all of their girls on their individual successes and they are ever so proud of each and every one of them.

The evening was a great success with a large turnout of parents, community members and our Academy girls.

Thank you to Breanna Emery and Lahkeisha Cook who did an outstanding job as our chairpersons for the evening.

Thank you also to the following persons:

Tamworth MP- Mr Kevin Anderson

Mrs Alison McGaffin-Department of Premier and Cabinet

Mr Len Waters- Elder

Mr Terry Boland- RMLA

Kathleen Jackson- KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Miss Desiree Delcours -RMLA

Mrs Cindy Pearce-The Smith Family

Miss Samantha Duncan- The Ochre Opportunity Hub

Rebecca Browning- Ability Links

Lyniece Keogh-Gomeroi gaaynggal Centre

Dr.Kym Rae- Gomeroi gaaynggal Centre

Mr James Madigan-RMLA

Mr Simon Bartlett-Taylor- Principal

Congratulations to the following award winners:

MOST IMPROVED STUDENT:	Kaleah Green-Ward
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:	Phoebe Abra
SPORTING AWARDS JUNIOR:	Jada Ison
SPORTING AWARDS SENIOR:	Tayla Styman
RISING STAR AWARD:	Portia Markwick
CITIZENSHIP AWARD JUNIOR:	Tarly Olsen
CITIZENSHIP AWARD SENIOR:	Sophie Ison
TOP ATTENDANCE AWARD:	Breanna Dewson
PRINCIPALS AWARD:	Rebecca Craig
CULTURAL AWARD:	Tayla Powell
LEADERSHIP AWARD:	Mackenzie Browning
ASPIRING ROLE MODEL:	Lahkeisha Cook



Girls cricket

After the first two rounds were forfeited, the Open Girls Cricket team travelled to Warialda on November 17th for their third round game, with only nine players available for the game. Bowling first, the team restricted Warialda HS to 111 off the allocated 35 overs. The wicket takers included Deni Baker (3/8), Katie Richards (2/10), Shelby Davidson (1/19) and Zhara Hudson (1/5). In reply, the girls reached the total with 2 overs to spare, with Lara Graham top scoring with 58no.

The team then had to back up the following Tuesday to play the regional final against Gunnedah HS, with this being another away game. Thankfully this time we had a full squad available. We batted first, posting a total of 133 off the allocated 40 overs with Lara Graham (35) and Deni Baker (32) being the top scorers and Sammy Bailey batting out a massive 28 overs. While in the field, we started off a bit shaky, dropping their star players a couple of times, with a direct hit run-out breaking this partnership. This sparked up the bowlers, rolling through the batting line up with their last 6 batters only scoring 5 runs. Katie Richards (3/35) and Lara Graham (3/10) being the chief destroyers with Ava Steel picking up 2/23 and Deni Baker an economical 1/6 off her 8 overs. The win makes the Oxley team the North West Champions, with an inter-regional game up next for the team.



HSC Geography

Year 12 Geography visited Port Macquarie for a three day fieldwork trip to study two different ecosystems; a rainforest and an intertidal wetland. The trip was not looking encouraging when many were surprised at the cool weather in Walcha at 7am in the morning!

Nevertheless, we continued and after a long trek through the rainforest, a gruelling three-hour notetaking workshop that night got the better of many students.



Year 12 Geography Class 2018



Shayla Collett and Emily Veness

A more relaxed day was had on day two where everyone enjoyed a boat trip. Students were also given the opportunity to observe dolphins. A dip in the ocean and a picturesque view from North Brother Mountain also took place.



Libby Wise and Maigan Galloway



Foreground: Ayva Steel, Amy Zhou and Shayla Collett

The final day saw us meet up with students from Wauchope High School and enjoy the mangrove ecosystem within Port Macquarie. The three days were filled with a lot of work, but all managed to have fun and relax a little on the coast.

A massive thank you must go to the students who were outstanding in every facet, as well as, Mrs O'Brien who made the journey with us.

~ Mr Glenn Squires

Futsal National Titles—3rd in Australia!

On Thursday 23rd November the U14 girl's futsal team travelled to Brisbane where they played in Logan in the Futsal Nationals. The team players are Danielle Bishop, Kaitlyn Burgess, Nakeisha Burgess, Jordan Donnelly, Chelsea Emery, Emma James and Milla Thompson from Year 8, and Emma Allen, Miriam Barbara and Bridey O'Neil from Year 7, along with defence coach Mr. Pett and attack coach Mrs. Cooper. The girls headed out on their second day to play Helensvale in their first match where they went down 4-1 and a smashing second match against Bellingen High in which the girls won 8-4. Day 2 they played Murrumba State Secondary College who beat the girls 2-0 with a gruelling 2nd half. A tough game against Varsity College with the score 0-0 finished the day. Day 3 brought the girls' last round match against Mt Alvernia College which ended in a nerve-racking 1-1 outcome which miraculously put the girls in 3rd place below Murrumba and Helensvale with Mt Alvernia in 4th place. With a quick turnaround into the semi finals, the girls put up an amazing fight against Murrumba and cut a close 3-2 loss. The girls all played amazingly in the whole competition and went home 3rd in Australia.



YOUTH FRONTIERS PROGRAM



Congratulations Brandon McManus.

Brandon flew to Sydney to celebrate his Youth Frontiers project at an award ceremony at NSW State Parliament. The minister for Multiculturalism and Disability Services, The Hon. Ray Williams presented Brandon with his award. Brandon's project has incorporated several community organisations, Billabong Clubhouse Mental Health programs, Bunnings Tamworth and a nursing home. The aged care residents will be the deserved recipients of garden produce. Great news, Brandon had won his category out of three project finalists.

Along with a financial incentive Brandon has been given an amazing opportunity consisting of work experience with FACS on a community project for one week in 2018. The area Brandon chose is a senior's week celebration. Well done Brandon.



DAN HUNT comes to Oxley High through Youth Frontiers

The other exciting project in November was the Dan Hunt Presentation on mental Health and Wellbeing to Years 8, 9 and 10 students in the school auditorium on Tuesday the 21st November. Mikayla Reeves and her mentor Peta Wallis worked tirelessly to bring this roadshow to our students and they really benefited the presentations.



Mikayla Reeves introducing her Youth frontiers Project and Dan Hunt to Oxley High students.



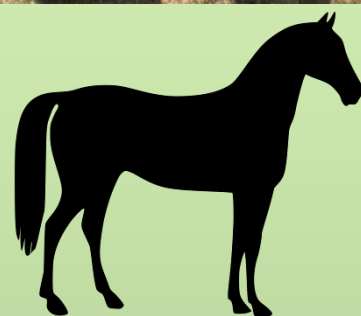
Dan Hunt presenting to Year 8 students.

Year 9 and 10 group participation after Dan Hunt presentation session.

Acknowledgement to Ms Creighton for encouraging students on to stage.



A massive congratulations to all 16 students who participated in Youth Frontiers 2017 at Oxley High. You are wonderful young ambassadors who individually represented our school whilst engaging the community in your projects. All 16 students who commenced the program have completed 6 months of dedication and very hard, but rewarding work. Thank you also to Mr McPherson.



Oxley High School Equestrian Team

On Friday the 10th November Tarni Thrift, Elsa Hudson, Charlene McKinlay and Claudia Galvin represented Oxley High School at Calrossy Horse Sports.

The girls participated in various show riding classes, show jumping, sporting events and Team Penning with a number of ribbons being awarded to each of the girls on the day.

The best overall result was Tarni Thrift placing equal Runner Up Highest Point Score in the 15 years girls age group.

Congratulations to Tarni, Elsa, Claudia and Charlene on your wonderful sportsmanship and exceptional effort at Calrossy Horse Sports.

Sports Council still jogging on!

2017 has been another successful year for the Oxley High Sports Council. We have been able to expand our involvement and contribution within the school to help improve the Oxley community. The Sports Council have run a variety of fundraisers this year. These include selling zooper doopers at lunchtimes and during soccer matches and running a canteen and BBQ at the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals raising \$6,000. Through the generous and overwhelming support of the students and staff at these events, we were able to raise an incredible \$8,500 profit over the last 12 months.

The Sports Council in 2017 was offered the incredible opportunity to take over the Northwest athletics carnival canteen and BBQ. With the support of teachers and students within the council we were able to raise \$1,500 which is put back into the Oxley High community and to purchase sporting equipment.

In Term 2 the Sports Council were involved in Relay for Life raising \$4,500. Being the biggest team involved in the region, the students involved had awesome fun whilst walking and supporting a great foundation.

Through the amazing support it has received, the Sports Council has been able to continue in its goal of giving back to the school by contributing equipment to sports teams and providing financial assistance for students who are participating at a very high level in their chosen sport. This year the Sports Council donated new soccer kit, including new uniforms, to the under 15s boys and girls soccer teams who progressed to the final 16 in Australia. This kit will continue to be used by teams in the future.

Throughout the year, several students in the school have progressed to a very high level in their chosen sports. To assist them and their families by easing the financial burden, the Sports Council donated money to these students to ensure that they were able to compete. Jess Aldridge received a donation so she could represent Australia in Fiji in Athletics. The students in the futsal team who competed in Brisbane at Nationals were subsidised, as well as the tennis team who represented Oxley at Nelsons Bay.

The Sports Council in 2018 will continue with the progress of the score board which the 2017 sports captains chose to donate to the school. Next year we will hopefully be able to host more home soccer games and support our school. 2018 promises to be another busy year, as the council welcomes its new members from 8-12 of eager and enthusiastic members. The Sports Council are excited to continue to build upon the solid foundation set in 2017 to strengthen and give back to the school.



OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Sport Council

Principal: Mr Simon Bartlett-Taylor

2017

Seated Row: Bridie Martin, Madeleine Lewin, Danielle Bishop, Amelia Dadd, Corin Webster, Georgia Pryer, Liam Hatch, Nakeisha Burgess, Paula Cabuhat, Grace Sheridan
Second Row: Chelsea-Lee Emery, Katie Richards, Jade Sinclair, Jessica James, Breanna Emery, Ashleigh Hodgson, Holly Schalk, Gabbi D'Ambros, Chloe Siddons
Third Row: Jasmine Squires, Zach Taylor, Maddison Iskov, Liam Watson, Daniel Grimmond, Madeline Dadd, Heidi Schimann, Logan Bailey

Annual Sports Council Awards

Junior Athlete of the Year:

This award goes to 15 year old **Lara Graham** who succeeded in all aspects of her sporting career this year. Competing in cricket, netball, athletics, soccer, league tag and Oz tag, Lara represented both Oxley High School and North West. Her achievements include:

Competing in the under 18s CHS cricket championships in Maitland. Lara top scored at this carnival as well as taking 11 wickets over the course of the carnival.

Leading the school knockout cricket team to regional champions.

Representing athletics in school, zone and North West athletics carnivals, receiving multiple first place ribbons at the school level and being awarded the 15 year girl athletics champion.

Qualifying for the under 16s relay final in Sydney at the CHS State Championships.

She was a part of the school girls' soccer team, who went on to win the regional final, before being knocked out in the state quarter finals.

Representing in both the under 15s and under 18s girls CHS Netball competition.

Representing the school at the League Tag Carnival.

And finally, Lara has been a star player in the school Oztag team.

Not only has Lara represented Oxley and the North West but she has also represented the state. In January this year Lara played at the under 15s National Cricket Championships in Canberra. The side was undefeated, winning the gold medal. Lara was named the third best overall bowler in Australia and was selected in the Australian Merit side. In July this year Lara competed in Mackay for the NSW Cyclones at the National indoor cricket event. In late November, Lara also competed in Canberra as a part of the Cricket Australia XI side in the under 18s National Championships. Lara has also done extremely well in rugby, being selected in the Central North Rugby team where she played at the State Championships in Coffs Harbour, where her team finished 4th.



Senior Athlete of the Year:

The 2017 Senior Athlete of the Year is **Corin Webster**. Corin has excelled in both Athletics and Basketball throughout the year. In Athletics, Corin won nearly every event he competed in at the North West level and then went on to do extremely well at state level. His achievements for athletics this year were as follows:

100m – 1st at North and 10th in the state.

800m - 1st at North West and then went on to compete at state.

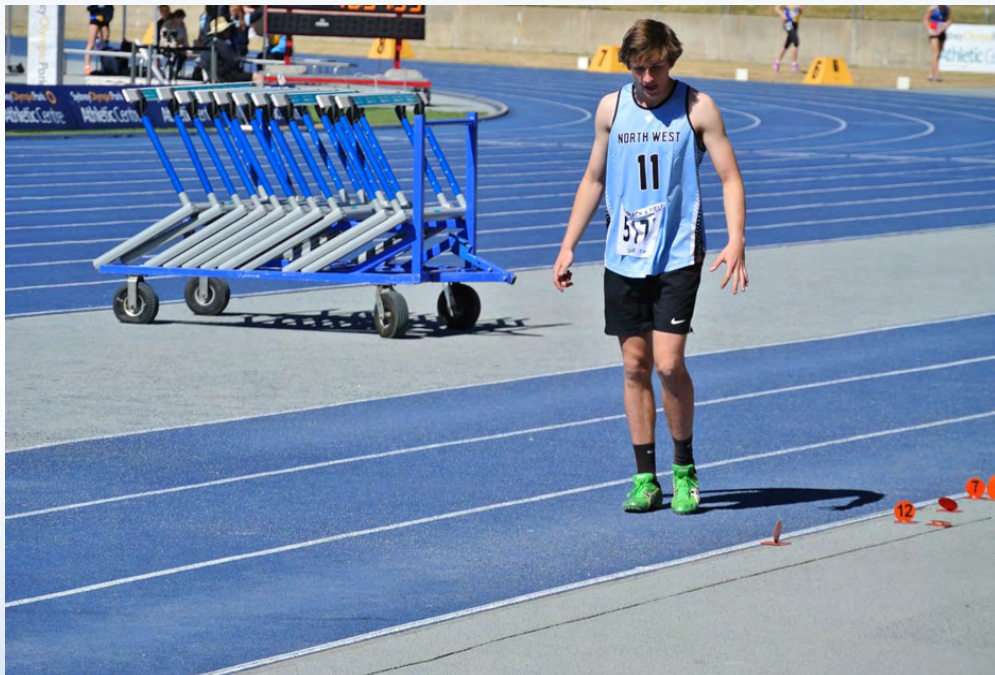
Long Jump – 1st at North West and 4th in the State.

High Jump – 1st at North West and 2nd in the State.

Triple Jump – 1st at North West and 2nd in the State.

Discus – 2nd at North West and then went on to compete at State.

Corin was also the captain of the School knock-out basketball team and went on to be named MVP.



Student Umpire/Coach of the Year:

This award goes to **Shayla Collett** of Year 11. Shayla did a terrific job of coaching the Oxley High School under 15s girls netball team in the knockout competition. Shayla, being an excellent netball player herself, ran multiple training sessions and taught the girls multiple skills. The team was undefeated and won the regional final. They then progressed on to the CHS State Championships in Wollongong, where they finished 13th in the State.

Shayla has also coached the Westdale Public School under 11s netball team who finished second overall in their competition. She was an assistant representative coach for the under 13s and 15s Tamworth sides, all whilst completing her second level qualification for netball coaching.

Team of the Year:

Due to the success of two teams at Oxley High School, this years' award will be a joint award. It is awarded to the **Bill Turner Cup Under 15s girls and boys soccer teams**. Both these teams put in an outstanding effort to win their respective regional finals. Both the teams then progressed even further through the state wide competition, leaving many gobsmacked as no-one can remember the last time that Oxley has had both teams progress so far in the competition. The boys coach, Mr Yeo, and the girls coach, Marie Wise, both put a lot of effort into their respective teams, running 7am training sessions in order for the athletes to be best prepared. Both teams managed to make it through to the final 16 in the state before being knocked out of the competition.

All players and coaches should be very proud of what they have achieved!



Good old days remembered and celebrated

OXLEY STAFF REUNION - 23 Nov. 2017 - Tamworth Bowling Club

"So nice to see that familiar warm and friendly atmosphere amongst everyone."

"It was fantastic to catch up with everyone. We also enjoyed our visit to the school. Boy, it is certainly physically different!"

"What a fantastic day. It just went too quickly."

NOTE: a link to the *Oxley 50 Years* and *The Way We Were* movie shown at the reunion is included in the email sent with this PDF.



Lorraine Shelton & Sybil Orr



Val Chorton & Helen Smith



Judy Judd, Peter Lawler, Jacqui Gahan



Meaghan Biron, Ray Miller, Narelle Dunst



Jackie & Bob Gahan, Judy Judd



Narelle Dunst, Ken Smith



The 1968 Originals: teachers John King, Margaret Tina, Doug Jones and student Bob Dunst



Di Lay, Helen Brennan



Warwick Schofield, John Bell



Grant Kleeman, Craig Redmayne, Peter Judd



John Nowland, Phil Pratt



Joan Pomeroy, Ian Anderson, Dot Logue



Joy Foley, Gloria Pullman



Graham & Fay Crocker



Charlie Morgan-Jones, Peter Jacob



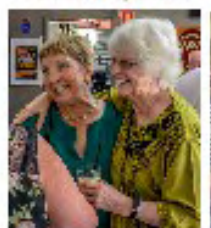
David & Helen Gee, Brian & Lorraine Graham



Bob Hocking



Peter Hooper, Sam Reading, June Hooper



Sue Smith, Margaret Schofield



Howard Barnes, Chris Kane, Peter Coombes



Brian Galbraith-Robertson



Bob Haywood, Warwick Schofield, Peter Judd



Margaret (Tina) Watts
Maureen Felton



Peter Jacob, Bob Ash, Phil Pratt, Felicity King-Leader, Angela King



Werrick Simmons, Jacquie Gahan



Lyn & Ted Laybutt, Graeme Mitchell (centre)



John King, Doug Jones, Bob Gordon



Brian Boggs, Peter Hooper



Meaghan Blom, Cheryl Weaver



TAS staff (aka Home Economics and Industrial Arts)



Maureen Felton, Peter Jacob



Ken honours the Oxley spirit



Jim celebrates Belly



MC Bob Gordon



Peter Hooper finally retires



Ken and his beloved Quest



**TAMWORTH CITY
SWIMMING CLUB**

2018 SWIM CAMP

Advance your child's swimming ability at an accelerated rate these school holidays by booking into the 2018 Sharks Swim Camp. The intensive program provides sessions for students to attend daily 30 minute lessons.

- Swimming sessions available for pre-school to school aged children across all levels
- Quickly improve children's confidence in and around water
- Children will be put into groups of similar ability (capped at 10 swimmers per group)
- With lessons fresh from the day before, swimming skills are reinforced over the course of the Camp
- Ideal for students wanting to progress to the next level

When: Week 1 Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th January 2018 (4 sessions)
Week 2 Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th January 2018 (4 sessions)

Where: Tamworth Olympic Pool, Kable Avenue Tamworth

Sessions: 9:00-9:30am, 9:40-10:10am, 10:00-10:50am, 11:00-11:30am

Cost: \$75.00 per week for 4 sessions

**Contact Nicolas Monet (Head Coach TCSC) on 0438 805 957
or email coach@tcsc.org.au to arrange an assessment.
Swimming assessments are conducted 4pm-5pm every Tuesday.**

EXTRA
SPECIAL
ISSUE

Golden Anniversary Issue to celebrate 50 Years in the Life of Oxley High School



QUEST magazine 2017

- An indispensable and comprehensive guide to many of the decisive moments captured by photographers at Oxley High School.
- The collection of images ranges from the early years in the late 1960s through to the first decades of the new millennium.
- Arranged in chronological order, the sections of the magazine capture the flavour of each year at Oxley High School.
- A double page feature for every year from 1968 to 2017, plus additional news for 2017.
- Quotes of historical interest accompany the images to add context and flavour.
- Appendix includes a complete roll of all students and staff who have attended Oxley High during its first fifty years.
- Copies available from the Front Office, late November 2017: **\$25** (postage extra)

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OF ALL
THINGS
OXLEY

*The staff of Oxley High School would like to wish
all of our students and their families, a Merry
Christmas and a safe and happy new year.*

See you in 2018!

